

EXHIBIT I.

A witness, JOSEB UERBELAU, called by the investigating officer entered, was informed of the subject matter of the investigation, duly sworn and declared through the interpreter, MASAO MOTOOKA, as follows:

Examined by the investigating officer:

1. Q. What is your name?

A. JOSEB UERBELAU.

2. Q. What is your date of birth?

A. 1908, I do not know the day.

3. Q. Where were you born?

A. NGERBECHED, KOROR ISLAND, PALAU.

4. Q. What is your present home address?

A. NGEREMID, KOROR ISLAND, PALAU.

5. Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am the native Chief of Police for military government on KOROR ISLAND.

6. Q. Prior to the occupation of this area by the Americans what was your civil occupation?

A. I worked for the JAPANESE government and was in charge of three hundred (300) natives at IMELIK Village on BABELTHUAP. I was not paid.

7. Q. Did you bear military arms?

A. No, I did not.

8. Q. How long did you do this work?

A. From February, 1945 to August, 1945.

9. Q. Do you know of construction of fortifications or military installations prior to December, 1941?

A. Yes.

10. Q. Do you know the type of installation, the place of construction, and the date concerned?

A. I know of a gun emplacement constructed at NGEREMLENGUI, BABELTHUAP, in 1939.

11. Q. Did you witness this construction?

A. Yes.

26. Q. Did you pay for this food?

A. No, it was provided free of cost.

27. Q. Did the JAPANESE provide a place for you to live?

A. Yes.

28. Q. Did you have to pay for it?

A. No.

29. Q. During this period of work on the airfield did you have any days off?

A. No, we worked every day.

30. Q. Could you take a day off if you wanted to?

A. No, we were put in jail if we did.

31. Q. Were you ever put in jail for taking a day off?

A. No, I never took a day off and was never put in jail.

32. Q. Did you ever see anyone put in jail for taking a day off?

A. No, I did not.

33. Q. Did the JAPANESE provide you with clothing?

A. No, they did not.

34. Q. Did you buy your clothing from the JAPANESE?

A. Yes.

35. Q. What did they charge you for clothing?

A. The prices varied. I paid from 5 yen to 30 yen for a pair of pants.

36. Q. While you were doing this work were you treated well by the JAPANESE?

A. Yes, I was well treated.

37. Q. Were all the natives working on this project treated well by the JAPANESE?

A. No, some were mistreated.

38. Q. What mistreatment did you see the JAPANESE inflict upon the natives?

A. They were beaten with sticks.

39. Q. Who beat them?

A. A JAPANESE Navy Gonzoku known as KAWAHARA.

53. Q. Did you work there?

A. Yes.

54. Q. Who ordered you to work there?

A. The PALAUAN Government, a branch of an subordinate organization of the South Seas Government.

55. Q. What are the inclusive dates of this period of labor?

A. February, 1941 to July, 1941.

56. Q. What did they pay you?

A. 1 yen 50 sen per day.

57. Q. What was the length of your working day?

A. The length of the working day on this project depended entirely on the individual laborer and the effort he put forth. The average working day was from 5 a.m. until 2 p.m.

58. Q. Did the JAPANESE provide shelter?

A. Yes, tents.

59. Q. Did you pay for shelter?

A. No.

60. Q. Did the JAPANESE provide food?

A. No, they did not provide food.

61. Q. During this period of work were you allowed any days of rest?

A. One day a month was allowed.

62. Q. Did the JAPANESE treat you well while working on this project?

A. No, I was mistreated. I was not whipped but I was not permitted to leave the area and return to my village.

63. Q. Did you see any natives mistreated by the JAPANESE on this project?

A. No.

64. Q. Where did you work prior to this period of forced labor and what pay did you receive?

A. I worked for the PALAUAN Government as a small boat operator. The pay was 1 yen 40 sen per day.

65. Q. Did you see them place the gun in the emplacement you worked on?

A. Yes, I saw them and helped the Navy Gonzokus put the gun in place. The gun moved around and up and down while I on it.

66. Q. Do you have any knowledge of YAP ISLAND?

A. No.

The witness stated that he had nothing further to say.

The witness was duly warned and withdrew.

Verification and authentication on the immediate following
pages.

Verification by witness:

I, Joseb Uerbela, having previously testified, was called in by the investigating officer, informed that my oath formerly taken was still binding, and having my testimony read to me in the Japanese language, declare it to be true and correct.

Joseb Uerbela (signed)

Verification by interpreter:

I, T-5 Masao Motooka, 6201 Special Interpreter Team, Western Pacific Base Command, USA, being duly sworn depose and say:

That after being duly sworn I translated the questions propounded by the investigating officer to Joseb Uerbela in the Japanese language, and that I translated the information received in reply to each question in the Japanese language, into the English language.

That I have read the foregoing transcript of testimony to said Joseb Uerbela and declare that it contains all the information I received from said Joseb Uerbela.

Masao Motooka (signed)

Verification by reporter:

I, Corp Richard L. Koll, USMCR, reporter of the testimony in the foregoing transcript, being duly sworn, hereby certify said testimony was taken by me in longhand and transcribed by me and I declare the same is true and correct.

Richard L. Koll (signed)

We, Joseb Uerbela, T-5 Masao Motooka, 6201 Special Interpreter Team, Western Pacific Base Command, USA, and Corp Richard L. Koll, USMCR, hereby declare that we were duly sworn and subscribed our names to the foregoing transcript this 26th day of February, 1946.

Subscribed and sworn to before me.

Emery M. Perry (signed)

Emery M. Perry,
First Lieutenant, U.S. Marine
Corps Reserve,
Investigating Officer,
at Island Command, Peleliu,
Palau Islands.

The testimony of this witness was secured through use of the above named interpreter after the witness, interpreter and reporter had been sworn by me. The witness signed his testimony in my presence after such testimony had been translated and read to the witness by the interpreter, evidencing which such transcript bears my signature, as well as the signature of witness, reporter and interpreter.

Emery M. Perry (signed)

Emery M. Perry,
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine
Corps Reserve,
Investigating Officer,
at Island Command, Peleliu,
Palau Islands.

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關係取調官ニ依リ喚問セラルル証人「ジョセフ
ウエルベラウ」ハ取調事項ニ付、通達ヲ受ケタル上
正當ニ宣誓ヲ行ヒ、通譯「モトオカ・マサオ」ヲ介シ
次ノ如ク陳述セリ

取調官ニ依リ訊問

一、問 アタタノ名ハ何ト言ヒマスカ

答 「ジョセフ ウエルベラウ」。

二、問 アタタノ生年月日ハ

答 一九〇八年 月日に存ジマセン

三、問 アタタハどこニ生マレタカ

答 バラオ・コロール島「インデル ベンツド」デス

四、問 アタタ、現在ノ家庭ノ住所ハどこデスカ。

答 バラオ・コロール島「インデル・ミッド」デス

五、問 アタタノ職業ハ何デスカ

答 私ハコロール島軍政部原住民警。察署
長デス。

九、問 アタタハ一九四一年十二月以前ニ於ケル要塞
又ハ軍事施設ノ構築ニ就イテ知リテサ
スカ

答 はい、知ッテサマス。

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No. 2

十問 アナタハ施設、種類構築、箇所、ソレニ
関係シタ月、日ヲ知ツテサマスカ

答 私ハ一九三九年「バベルスアツプ、ニゲレムレングイ」
ニ構築サレタ砲床ヲ知ツテサマス

十一問 アナタハソノ工事ヲ見マシタカ

答 はい、見マシタ

十二問 アナタハソノ工事ニ出テ働キマシタカ。

答 いいえ。

十三問 アナタハ出来上ツタ砲床、砲ヲ見マシタカ

答 いいえ、ソノ地域ハ砲床完成後、日本人ニ
依ツテ立入禁止トナリマシタ

十四問 「バベルスアツプ」ノ砲床構築ニ使用セラレタ
原住民ノ勞力ハ強制サレタモデシタカ

答 はい、サウデス

十五問 アナタニハドウシテ、ソレガ砲床デアルトイウ
コトガ令リマシタカ。

答 私ハ砲が「ニゲレムレングイ」港ニ於イテ、船
カラ砲床、アル箇所へ運バレルヲ見マシタ

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No. 3

十六問 アタタハ前述ノ工事、他一九四一年以前何カ構
築工事ノアッタコトヲ知ッテサマスカ

答 イイエ

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五十問 アタタハ原住民ニ対スル強制労働、ソノ他ノ
事例ヲ知ッテサマスカ。知ッテサマス、ソノ事述ビ下サ

答 ウルウサベ、シグレバディウ、砲床ハ原住民ノ
強制労働ニ依ッテ構築サレタモノデアラス。

五十一問 ソレ何時行ハマシタカ。

答 一九四一年二月デス

五十二問 アタタハ前ニ「ベリス」ノ砲床が一九四一年十二月
以前ニ構築サレタコトヲアタタ自身知ッテサレ
唯一ノ要塞又ハ軍事施設ダト言ヒマシタス。
一九四一年二月トイフ日付ケニ間違ヒハアリマシカ

答 ハイ、ソレニ間違ヒハアリマセン。私ハ前ニ答ヘタ時
アタタノ言ハルコトガ吞ミコメタカッタデス。

五十三問 アタタハソコデ働キマシタカ。

答 ハイ働キマシタ

五十四問 誰ガアタタニソコデ働クヤウニ命ジタデスカ。

答 南洋廳、下部組織、一令署タルバオオ廳デス

五十五問 ソノ労働期間ハ何時カラ何時ニデシタカ

答 一九四一年二月カラ一九四一年七月ニデシタ。

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六十五問 アナタ、彼等が砲ヲ、アナタノ工事
シタ砲床ニ据付ケルノヲ見マシタカ。

答 ハイ、私ハ見マシタ。ソレニテ私ハ海軍、
軍属達が砲ヲ据付ケルノヲ手傳ヒマシタ。
砲ハ私が乗ツテサルトグルグル廻ッタリ
上、下ニ動イタリマシタ。